

2020-2021 Hunt Dates

- *Geese*: Oct. 17–29 & Nov. 7, 2020–Jan. 31, 2021
- *Ducks*: Oct. 17–25 & Oct. 28, 2020–Jan. 31, 2021
- *Scaup*: Nov. 7, 2020–Jan. 31, 2021
- *Youth*: Feb. 6, 2021
- *Active Military & Veterans*: Feb. 6, 2021

Understand the Signs

The following signs are in place to help you understand Refuge boundaries as well as activities that are allowed and not allowed in certain areas of the Refuge.

National Wildlife Refuge Boundary

These signs let you know you are entering a National Wildlife Refuge.

Area Beyond This Sign Closed

This area is closed to all entry. No hunting or boating is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public.

Research Natural Area

Area behind these signs are closed to all access Oct. 1–March 31. The RNA is closed year round to all consumptive uses, including hunting, fishing, and shellfishing.

No Hunting Zone

These signs are used to inform the public that no hunting is allowed beyond these signs.

Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Complex
100 Brown Farm Road
Olympia, WA 98516
360/753 9467
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/billy_frank_jr_nisqually

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Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

Waterfowl Hunting



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Where You Can Hunt

Waterfowl hunting is permitted in designated areas on the Nisqually River Delta during the fall and winter hunt season.

Federal Lands – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service owns and manages about 3000 acres of the Nisqually Delta as Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. 190 acres of the Refuge are open to waterfowl hunting.

State Lands – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife owns and manages three parcels of land within the approved Refuge boundary which are open to waterfowl hunting.

Where You Cannot Hunt

All portions of the Refuge are closed to waterfowl hunting unless specifically identified as open to hunting. The Research Natural Area and Sanctuary Area are not open to public hunting. Watch for “No Hunting” or “Area Closed” signs.

Access to Refuge Hunting Areas

Access is by boat. Luhr Beach is the closest boat ramp to the hunt areas.

Regulations

Shot must be U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved non-toxic shot. All Washington State hunting regulations are in effect. There is a 25 shell limit. Check Washington State Regulations for current year information. Call the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife at (360) 902-2200 or the Refuge at (360) 753-9467 for complete information on hunting regulations.

Retrieving Birds

Hunters may not enter closed areas to retrieve dead or crippled birds. Allow enough room between the closed boundary and where you are hunting to retrieve birds.

